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FROM ODC

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: MMOL MPOL NL
SUBJECT: XM-1 TANK SYSTEM - NETHERLANDS INTEREST

REF: A. LETTER, GON/MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SUBJECT:
MAIN BATTLE TANK XM-1, 5 JAN 78;
B. LETTER, VAN DOORNE'S AAHANGWAGENFABRIEK VC (DAF)
SUBJECT: COPRODUCTION XM-1, 9 DEC 77
C. TELEX CHRYSLER CORPORATION 31 OCT 77
D. LETTER, DAF SUBJECT: CO PRODUCTION SM1, 22 NOV 77
E. LETTER CHRYSLER SUBJECT: CO PRODUCTION XM-1 TANK,
21 DEC 77.

1. THE COMMISSIONER FOR MILITARY PRODUCTION (MR W.A.M. MELIS)
ADVISED THIS OFFICE BY LETTER (REF A) OF, QUOTE: THE DIALOGUE
BETWEEN OUR INTERESTED
INDUSTRIES AND CHRYSLER, UNQUOTE, AND FORWARDED
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COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE CHAIR-
MAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL STEERING GROUP-BATTLE TANK 1980
AND CHRYSLER CORPORATION (REF B-E). FURTHER, REF A
SUGGESTED THAT, QUOTE: IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH OUR
GOVERNMENTS...AN ADEQUATE DATE-FLOW BE MADE POSSIBLE
AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

2. THE PURPOSES OF THIS MESSAGE ARE:

A. ADVISE ALCON OF THE SLAIENT POINTS EXCHANGED BY REFERENCES B THRU E;

B. REQUEST VERIFICATION OF CHRYSLER'S AUTHORIZATION/LICENSE FOR TRANSMISSION OF UNCLASSIFIED TECHNICAL DATA TO THE NETHERLANDS (REF C);

C. RECOMMEND THAT THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION ODC/AMEMBASSY ACT AS THE FOCAL POINT IN COUNTRY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF CLASSIFIED/UNCLASSIFIED USG INFORMATION ON SUBJECT SYSTEM; AND,

D. REQUEST GUIDANCE CONCERNING COPRODUCTION BY GON/DUTCH INDUSTRIES OF THE XM-1 SYSTEM.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED WITH REF A:

A. REF B. PROVIDED NAMES OF MEMBERS FROM EIGHT DUTCH INDUSTRIES COMPRISING THE INDUSTRIAL STEERING GROUP (ISG). ADVISED CHRYSLER THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF A STUDY CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND TECHNICAL POSSIBILITIES OF THE DUTCH INDUSTRY FOR SEVERAL TANKS HAD BEEN COMPLETED. INDICATED THAT INFORMATION ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE XM-1 IS POOR FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES AND SOUGHT INFORMATION CONCERNING USG AUTHORIZATION OF CHRYSLER TO RELEASE INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO FURTHER STUDIES.

B. (REF C) ADVISED ISG THAT USG HAD AUTHORIZED THE TRANSMISSION OF UNCLASSIFIED TECHNICAL DATA TO THE NETHERLANDS. FURTHER, THAT ALL SUCH INFORMATION WOULD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD GUIDANCE, BE PROVIDED THROUGH GOVERNMENT CHANNELS, AND REQUESTED THE ISG INFORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS,

C. (REFD) REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM CHRYSLER: (1) MAIN PARTS LISTS TO IDENTIFY COMPONENTS; (2) MAIN DRAWINGS; (3) SUBCONTRACTORS AND THEIR COMPONENTS; (4) GENERAL PRICE-BREAKDOWN, AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE; (5) PLANNING SCHEDULE, CONCERNING- PROTOTYPE, TESTING, PRE-PRODUCTION PROGRAM, SERIES START UP, DELIVERY SCHEDULE ; (6) MILESTONES WHICH CAN LEAD TO

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LICENSE FOR PRODUCTION OF THE COMPLETE XM-1 IN THE NETHERLANDS.
D. (REF E) ADVISED ISG THAT REQUEST REF D) WAS FORWARDED
TO OPM XM-1 AND THAT THE FOLLOWING DATA WOULD BE FORWARDED
THROUGH GOVERNMENT CHANNELS:
(1) PROGRAM SCHEDULE; (2) LIST OF MAJOR SUB-CONTRACTORS;
AND (3) A BOOK DETAILING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE XM-1.

3. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SENSI-
TIVITY OF FMS PURCHASE OR CO-PRODUCTION OF THE XM-1 NECESSI-
TATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM WHERE-BY INFORMATION IS
MADE AVAILABLE IN AN ORDERLY AND CONTROLLED FASHION TO GON
AGENCIES, E.G., MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE, AS WELL AS DUTCH INDUSTRY. CONCOMITANTLY, IT IS
IMPORTANT FOR THIS POST TO BE ADVISED COMPLETELY AS TO WHAT
DATA HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO GON AND DUTCH INDUSTRY AND FOR WHAT
PURPOSES, I.E., REF E INDICATES THAT CERTAIN DATA ARE BEING
PROVIDED TO THEISG. THIS MAY BE INTERPRETED AS USG WILLINGNESS
TO ENTERTAIN CO-PRODUCTION SHOULD THE XM-1 BE SELECTED AS THE
REPLACEMENT TANK FOR THE RNLA, SIMILARLY, CAUTION MUST BE
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APPLIED TO THE USE FOR WHICH THE INFORMATION IS FURNISHED.
PREROGATIVES OF THE GON IN SELECOING THE REPLACEMENT TANK
MUST BE PROTECTED.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT: A. THE ODC/AMEMBASSY BE IDENTIFIED TO ALCON AS THE IN-COUNTRY FOCAL POINT FOR THE EXCHANGE/ PROVISIONING OF THE INFORMATION WITH THE GON AND DUTCH INDUSTRY; AND, B. GUIDANCE BE PROVIDED PERTAINING TO THE USG ENTERTAINING CO-PRODUCTION WITH THE NETHERLANDS. IN THIS REGARD A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE STATEMENT MAY BE DESIRABLE.
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